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## Town Government.

### OFFICERS ELECTED BIENNIALLY.

*Terms expire November, 1898.*

*Moderator,*

BENJAMIN R. JEWELL.

*Supervisors of the Check List,*

GEORGE B. PALMER,

SMITH N. WELCH.

JAMES M. CARR,

### OFFICERS ELECTED ANNUALLY.

*Terms expire March 8, 1898.*

*Town Clerk,*

GEORGE M. BUXTON.

*Selectmen,*

JOSEPH J. J. SAWYER, EUGENE NOYES, DAYTON KILLAM.

*Treasurer,*

FRANK M. JEWELL.

*Collector of Taxes,*

SMITH N. WELCH.

*Auditors,*

JACOB EATON,

FRANK O. TOWLE,

JOHN PAIGE.

*Highway Agents,*

JAMES H. FLOYD, EDGAR W. WYMAN, JOSEPH C. EVANS.

*School Board, Elected for Three Years,*

FREDERICK B. FRENCH, Secretary, . . . Term expires 1900.

MARY O. PALMER, Treasurer, . . . Term expires 1899.

GRACE E. EVANS, Chairman, . . . Term expires 1898.

*Trustees of Public Library, Elected for Three Years,*

BENJ. R. JEWELL, Chairman, . . . Term expires 1899.

LIZZIE H. FORSAITH, Treasurer, . . . Term expires 1898.

MARY E. JEWELL, Secretary, . . . Term expires 1900.

*Cemetery Trustees, Elected for Three Years,*

GEORGE M. BUXTON, Town Clerk, ex officio.

FREDERICK B. FRENCH, . . . . . Term expires 1900.

JOSEPH J. J. SAWYER, . . . . . Term expires 1900.

*\*Board of Health, Elected for Three Years.*

FREDERICK B. FRENCH, . . . . . Term expires 1900.

GEORGE B. PALMER, . . . . . Term expires 1899.

JOSEPH J. J. SAWYER, . . . . . Term expires 1898.

\*Appointed by selectmen in compliance with Act of last Legislature.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN  
MEETING.

TO BE HELD MARCH 8, 1898, AT 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

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1-2. To hear reports of the various town officials and take action on the same.

3. To choose Town Clerk, Selectmen and Town Treasurer.

4. To take action in relation to town debt and raise money for town charges.

5. To raise money for highways and elect highway agents.

6. To raise money for support of schools.

7. To raise money for Free Public Library and elect trustee.

8. To see about discount for prompt payment of taxes and to elect Collector of Taxes.

9. To choose all other necessary town officers, agents and committees.

10. To see if the town will dispense with Liquor Agency.

11. To see if the town will take any action in regard to altering the name of the town.

12. To see if the town will make any repairs on town house and appropriate money for the same.

13. To see if town are in favor of a highway from Pine to Market street.

14. To see what town will do with lot of land owned by the town on Locust street.

## Selectmen's Report.

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### VALUATION BY THE SELECTMEN APRIL 1, 1897.

	NO.	
Acres of land.....	5022 5-6	
Valuation of same with buildings.....		\$170520 00
Polls assessed.....	79	7900 00
Horses .....	106	4205 00
Oxen.....	17	725 00
Cows .....	158	3810 00
Neats .....	25	465 00
Sheep.....	21	110 00
Fowls .....	150	74 00
Carriages .....	12	720 00
Mills.....	1	1100 00
Buildings.....	1	50 00
Stock in Trade.....		4290 00
Money at interest.....		1475 00
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		\$195444 00
Valuation of residents.....		\$148359 00
“ “ non-residents .....		47085 00
Acres owned by residents.....	3482	1-4
“ “ non-residents .....	1540	7-12



## TAX LEVY FOR 1897—APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax \$400—County tax \$460.52.....	\$ 860 52
Town expenses \$500—Schools \$500.....	1000 00
Repairs on schoolhouses, etc.....	60 00
Highways \$488.61—Cemeteries \$25.....	513 61
Free Public Library.....	50 00
Overlay percentage.....	56 64

Total committed to Smith N. Welch for collection, \$2540 77

Rate of taxation \$1.30 on \$100.

## SELECTMEN'S RECEIPTS.

1897.

Mar. 3.	Received of Solon A. Carter, State Treasurer, for bounty paid on hawks during 1896 and 1897.....	\$ 4 25
May 29.	Received for use of Town Hall.....	1 00
	“ from Barnard school fund from note .....	200 00
July 24.	Received from S. N. Welch, collector of taxes, taxes, expense and interest on unpaid tax.....	25 70
Oct. 8.	Received for use of Town Hall.....	3 00
Dec. 3.	Received of Solon A. Carter, State Treasurer, Railroad tax.....	2 02
	Savings bank tax.....	89 58
	Literary fund.....	32 86

1898.

Feb. 2.	Received of W. H. C. Follansbee, County Treasurer, for support of poor.....	18 68
Feb. 15.	Received S. N. Welch, Collector of Taxes, expense and interest on unpaid tax collector's sale.....	29 76

\$406 85

## DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT.

Orders have been drawn on Frank M. Jewell, Treasurer,  
for the following amounts:

To Mary O. Palmer, Treasurer of School Board,	
money on hand April 1st, 1897.....	\$ 51 54
John H. Smith, service as police 1896.....	5 00
Dayton Killam, " " 1897.....	5 00
Joseph J. J. Sawyer, appraising sheep.....	1 40
Dayton Killam, appraising sheep.....	1 00
Frederick B. French.....	1 00
Moses J. Eaton, sheep killed and maimed.....	40 00
Frank O. Towle, " " " .....	25 00
Total.....	<u>\$129 94</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Orders have been drawn on Frank M. Jewell, Treasurer,  
for the following amounts:

## STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

State tax.....	\$400 00
County tax.....	460 52
	<u>\$860 52</u>



## Town Expenses.

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### TOWN OFFICERS.

George M. Buxton, town clerk.....	\$ 19 50
George B. Palmer, supervisor.....	3 00
Smith N. Welch, supervisor.....	3 00
James M. Carr, supervisor.....	3 00
Joseph J. J. Sawyer, selectman.....	30 00
Eugene Noyes, selectman.....	20 00
Dayton Killam, selectman.....	21 90
Frank M. Jewell, treasurer.....	20 00
Smith N. Welch, collector of taxes.....	45 00
Mary O. Palmer, treasurer of school board.....	15 00
Frederick B. French, secretary of school board.....	10 00
Grace E. Evans, chairman of school board.....	3 00
Smith N. Welch, sexton.....	6 00
Blanche M. Carr, librarian.....	15 00
Jos. J. J. Sawyer, overseer of poor.....	5 00
“ “ janitor of Town Hall.....	2 00
John H. Smith, police service in 1896.....	24 25
Frank W. Wilbur, police service in 1896.....	3 00
Dayton Killam, police service in 1897.....	2 40
	\$251 05

## PRINTING, STATIONERY, ETC.

Newburyport News Co., for reward advertisement...	\$ 6 75
C. S. Morse, town reports.....	25 50
E. C. Eastman, blank books.....	14 75
Joseph J. J. Sawyer, postage and stationery.....	2 26
Fred B. French, tax bills.....	2 25
George M. Buxton, postage, etc.....	1 00
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	\$52 51

## TOWN HALL.

G. Cammett, lamps and fixtures.....	\$ 4 65
Amesbury Hardware Co., locks, keys, etc.....	3 85
E. A. Follansbee, 10 gal. kerosene oil.....	90
Frank M. Jewell, fitting locks, etc.....	1 75
Chipman & Son, office chair.....	5 00
Helen F. Woodman, wood.....	4 50
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	\$20 65

## FIRE INQUESTS.

Joseph J. J. Sawyer, time on Arista Horne fire.....	\$3 00
“ “ on S. M. Prescott's fire.....	50
Dayton Killam, on Horne fire.....	6 15
“ “ on Prescott fire.....	30
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	\$9 95

## NOTE AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid Benjamin R. Jewell, treasurer of Barnard free school fund, interest on notes.....	\$130 00
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## ESTATES BOUGHT FOR TAXES OF 1896.

Paid Smith N. Welch, collector for estates bought at collector's sale May 27th, 1897.....	\$89 22
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## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Lowell D. Eaton for board, etc., of George A. Hill.	\$18 68
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## SUMMARY OF TOWN EXPENSES.

Town officials.....	\$251 05
Printing and stationery.....	52 51
Town hall.....	20 65
Fire inquests.....	9 95
Estates bought for taxes, 1896.....	89 22
Support of poor.....	18 68
Interest on notes owed.....	130 00
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	\$572 06

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Mary O. Palmer, treasurer of school board:

School tax.....	\$500 00
Schoolhouse tax.....	60 00
Literary fund.....	32 86
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	\$592 86

See also dog license account.

## HIGHWAYS.

James H. Floyd, road agent.....	\$323 18
Edgar W. Wyman, road agent.....	194 43
Joseph C. Evans, road agent.....	264 59
Roscoe H. Morrill, care of private way.....	4 50
George B. Palmer, plow beam broken.....	1 50
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	\$788 20

## FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Lizzie H. Forsaith, treasurer of board of trustees....	\$50 00
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## CEMETERIES.

T. C. Thurlow, for spruce trees.....	\$ 7 50
James A. Taylor, labor.....	3 00
Joseph J. J. Sawyer, labor.....	3 40
George M. Buxton, labor.....	2 00
Frederick B. French, setting trees.....	75
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	\$16 65



## ABATEMENTS AND DISCOUNTS.

The following abatements and discounts have been allowed to Smith N. Welch, collector of taxes:

Discount for taxes paid prior to August 1st, 1897....\$30 75

Abatements, 1894.

Tax of Samuel C. Prescott.....\$ 1 12

1895.

Ezra P. Downing..... 1 28

Louis F. Downing..... 1 28

William Tenney..... 1 60

Robert E. Honor..... 1 60

1896.

Ezra P. Downing..... 1 43

Louis F. Downing..... 1 24

Wesley Ham..... 1 49

George A. Hill..... 1 24

Alfred S. Jewell..... 1 24

Robie Smith..... 1 24

1897.

From taxes of Jacob Eaton and John W. Smith for

maintaining watering place..... 3 00

John O. P. Clifford, for maintaining watering place.. 3 00

John C. Evans, for maintaining watering place..... 3 00

Rufus F. Dow, deceased..... 1 30

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\$25 06

## RECAPITULATION.

For state and county taxes.....\$ 86 52

Town expenses..... 572 00

Support of schools and houses..... 592 80

Highways..... 788 20

Free Public Library..... 50 00

Cemeteries..... 16 65

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Total orders on Frank M. Jewell, treasurer.....\$2880 29

Abatements and discounts allowed..... 55 81

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Total disbursements.....\$2936 10

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

*Assets.*

Cash on hand.....	\$107 01
Due from Smith N. Welch, collector for 1894.....	7 47
“ “ “ 1895.....	3 62
“ “ “ 1896.....	31 75
“ “ “ 1897.....	494 99
Owners of estates bought for taxes of 1896.	39 69

Total available assets.....	\$684 53
Due from United States bounties.....	914 80

*Liabilities.*

Town owes Barnard free school fund.....	\$2200 00
Outstanding orders.....	199 43
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	\$2399 43

Balance against town.....	\$1714 90
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Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH J. J. SAWYER,	} Selectmen of South Hampton.
EUGENE NOYES,	
DAYTON KILLAM,	

South Hampton, N. H., Feb. 15th, 1898.

## Collector's Report.

The amount of taxes committed to me for collection				
for the year 1897 as per selectmen's warrant...				
				\$2540 77
Discounts allowed on taxes paid before Aug. 1, 1897.				30 75
Abatements allowed by the selectmen.....				10 30
Paid Frank M. Jewell, treasurer, of taxes collected..				2004 73
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Amount of taxes uncollected.....				\$494 99
Balance of taxes uncollected for 1894 as per last report.				16 99
" " " 1895 " "				249 58
" " " 1896 " "				584 89
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				\$851 46
Collected of taxes of 1894.....				\$8 40
Abatements allowed.....				1 12
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				\$9 52
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Collected of taxes of 1895.....				\$240 20
Abatements allowed.....				5 76
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				\$245 96
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Collected of taxes of 1896.....				\$545 26
Abatements allowed.....				7 88
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				\$553 14
Interest and expenses collected on back taxes.....				\$5 92
Total amount collected during year.....				\$2804 51
Balance of uncollected taxes now due for 1897.....				\$494 99
" " " " " 1896.....				31 75
" " " " " 1895.....				3 62
" " " " " 1894.....				7 47
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Total balance uncollected now due.....				\$537 83

Respectfully submitted,

SMITH N. WELCH, Collector.

South Hampton, N. H., Feb. 15th, 1898.



## Treasurer's Report.

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### RECEIPTS.

Received of selectmen.....	\$ 406 85
Collector of taxes for 1897.....	20c4 73
“ “ 1896.....	545 26
“ “ 1895.....	240 20
“ “ 1894.....	8 40
“ “ Interest . . . . .	5 92
Total amount of receipts.....	<u>\$3211 36</u>

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid agreeably to selectmen's orders.....	\$2680 86
Deficit Feb. 15th, 1897.....	423 49
Total paid during year.....	<u>\$3104 35</u>
Cash on hand.....	\$107 01
Outstanding Orders.....	199 43

### DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1897.....	\$ 56 54
Received of George M. Buxton, town clerk, for dog licenses, 1897.....	60 37
Total received.....	<u>\$116 91</u>
Paid treasurer of school board.....	\$ 51 54
Police and other expenses.....	13 40
Moses J. Eaton, order for \$40, amount paid.....	31 98
Frank O. Towle, order for \$25, amount paid.....	19 99
Total paid.....	<u>\$116 91</u>

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK M. JEWELL, Treasurer.

South Hampton, Feb. 15, 1898.

## Road Agents' Report.

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Received from selectmen.....	\$782 20
Town of Seabrook for use of road	
machine.....	10 00
	\$792 20

### Expended under supervision of James H. Floyd.

#### EXPENDED ON REPAIRS ON JEWELL BRIDGE.

Paid James H. Floyd, expense to Boston to buy	
material.....	\$ 3 54
James H. Floyd, hauling timber.....	4 00
“ “ nails.....	52
“ “ 8 stringers.....	72 43
W. S. Merrill, 1 day's labor.....	1 50
Frank H. Currier, 1 day's labor.....	1 50
Wallace Morrill, 1 day's labor.....	1 05
Charles Floyd, labor with team.....	2 80
Roscoe H. Morrill, plank, etc.....	4 76
Frank M. Jewell, labor.....	3 00
	\$95 10

#### EXPENDED IN HIGHWAY WORK.

Paid George Palmer, labor, 60 hours.....	\$ 9 00
Wallace Morrill, 53 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours.....	8 17
James H. Floyd, 40 hours.....	6 00
Charles Floyd, 63 hours.....	9 45
Rufus Floyd, 4 hours.....	60
W. S. Merrill, 20 hours.....	3 00
George M. Buxton, 9 hours.....	1 35
John H. Smith, 10 hours.....	1 50
George B. Palmer, team, 58 hours.....	14 50
“ “ 35 loads gravel.....	2 80
J. H. Floyd, team, 43 hours.....	10 75

Paid Charles Floyd, team, 58 hours.....	\$ 14 50
"      "      "      15 hours.....	3 75
"      "      labor, 15 hours.....	2 25
James H. Floyd, labor.....	4 95
Wallace Morrill, labor, 20 hours.....	3 00
George B. Palmer, labor, 14 hours.....	2 10
"      "      team, 10 hours.....	2 50
Elbridge F. Morrill, labor, 12½ hours.....	1 88
Eddie Cotton, labor, 4 hours.....	60
J. J. J. Sawyer, labor, 4 hours.....	60
Rufus Floyd, labor, 4 hours.....	60
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	\$103 85

**Expended under supervision of Edgar W. Wyman.**

Paid Samuel M. Prescott, labor, 15 hours.....	\$ 2 25
Frank Honor, labor, 85 hours.....	12 75
"      "      team, horse, 70 hours.....	8 75
Smith N. Welch, 10 hours.....	1 50
"      "      horse, 5 hours.....	63
John W. Smith, horse, 10 hours.....	1 25
Joseph L. Preble, 10 hours.....	1 50
Arthur French, 40 hours.....	6 00
Robert Honor, 35 hours.....	5 25
Hiram P. Smith, 62 hours.....	9 30
E. R. Reynolds, 100 hours.....	15 00
George B. Palmer, 10 hours.....	1 50
"      "      team, 10 hours.....	2 50
John O. P. Clifford, 10 hours.....	1 50
"      "      horse, 10 hours.....	1 25
John H. Smith, horse, 10 hours.....	1 25
"      "      7 hours.....	1 05
Frank E. Welch, 20 hours.....	3 00
Edgar W. Wyman, 124 hours.....	18 60
"      "      team, 114 hours.....	28 50
Frederick B. French, gravel.....	7 00
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	\$130 33



## Expended under supervision of Joseph C. Evans.

Paid Charles M. Evans, 170 hours.....	\$ 25 50
"        "        team, 80 hours.....	20 00
Eugene Noyes, 20 hours.....	3 00
Harry Brown, 55 hours.....	8 25
Ira Taylor, 49 hours.....	7 35
"        "        team, 6½ hours.....	1 63
Joseph C. Evans, 294 hours.....	44 10
"        "        team, 122 hours.....	30 50
John C. Evans, 48 hours.....	7 20
"        "        team, 20 hours.....	5 00
"        "        oxen, 20 hours.....	4 00
John N. Evans, 20 hours.....	3 00
"        "        team, 20 hours.....	5 00
Harry W. Evans, 20 hours.....	3 00
Horace M. Brown, 35 hours.....	5 25
"        "        horse, 4 hours.....	50
Orrin Chase, 15 loads gravel at 10c.....	1 50
H. H. Bean, 26 feet drain pipe.....	3 51
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\$178 29	

## Under supervision of James H. Floyd.

## SNOW PATHS.

Paid John A. Paige, 34 hours.....	\$ 5 10
George B. Palmer, 30 hours.....	4 50
"        "        team, 15 hours.....	3 75
Warren A. Woodman, 14 hours.....	2 10
John W. Folsaith, 11 hours.....	1 65
Joseph W. Follansbee, 22½ hours.....	3 37
Charles Floyd, 38 hours.....	5 70
Frank W. Wilbur, 41 hours.....	6 15
John Anderson, 8 hours.....	1 20
Roy E. Morse, 6 hours.....	90
George E. Dorman, 16 hours.....	2 40
James H. Floyd, 36 hours.....	5 40
"        "        team, 49 hours.....	12 25
Walter I. Downing, 27½ hours.....	2 75

Paid Elbridge F. Morrill, 5 hours.....	\$ 75
George M. Buxton, 27½ hours.....	4 13
J. C. Whitcomb, 3 hours.....	45
James A. Taylor, 41 hours.....	6 15
William H. Collins, 33½ hours.....	4 92
Charles Delaware, 25½ hours.....	3 87
Roscoe H. Morrill, 5 hours.....	75
James M. Carr, 19 hours.....	2 85
Oscar W. Clark, 3½ hours.....	52
Oscar Clark, 3½ hours.....	35
George Clark, 2 hours.....	20
Samuel S. Flanders, 20 hours.....	3 00
Laban H. Collins, 23½ hours.....	3 52
George W. Collins, 11 hours.....	1 65
Albert P. Eaton, 22½ hours.....	3 34
“ “ team, 2½ hours.....	56
George M. Kimball, 13½ hours.....	2 03
“ “ team, 1½ hours.....	37
John H. Austin, 22 hours.....	3 30
Uriah Flanders, 8 hours.....	1 20
George Flanders, 5 hours.....	75
William Honor, 10 hours.....	1 50
George Honor, 9 hours.....	90
John Orr, 10 hours.....	1 50
Frank M. Jewell, 23 hours.....	3 45
Joseph J. J. Sawyer, 12 hours.....	1 80
John Palmgren, 16 hours.....	2 40
Wallace Morrill, 37 hours.....	5 55
Frank H. Currier, 35 hours.....	5 25

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\$124 33

**Under supervision of Edgar W. Wyman.**

Paid Hiram P. Smith, 22½ hours.....	\$ 3 38
Joseph L. Preble, 26½ hours.....	3 98
John W. Smith, 22 hours.....	3 30
Samuel M. Prescott, 21 hours.....	3 16
Frederick B. French, 19 hours.....	2 85

Paid John O. P. Clifford, 19¼ hours.....	\$ 2 93
John H. Smith, 25¼ hours.....	3 83
Samuel Eastman, 17½ hours.....	2 63
C. F. Arnold, 27 hours.....	4 05
Frank E. Welch, 10 hours.....	1 50
Henry J. Hutchins, 24½ hours.....	3 68
Smith N. Welch, 23 hours.....	3 45
“ “ team, 7 hours.....	1 75
Joseph D. Eaton, 26½ hours.....	3 98
William S. Eaton, 18½ hours.....	2 78
Oscar W. Clark, 7 hours.....	1 05
Oscar Clark, 22½ hours.....	2 25
Roy Morse, 12 hours.....	1 80
Dayton Killam, 13 hours.....	1 95
Frank B. Swain, 7 hours.....	1 05
Fred Merrill, 14½ hours.....	1 45
David Sands, 8 hours.....	1 20
Edgar W. Wyman, 29 hours.....	4 35
“ “ team, 7 hours.....	1 75

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## Under supervision of Joseph C. Evans.

Paid Joseph C. Evans, 36 hours.....	5 40
“ “ team, 3 hours.....	75
Charles M. Evans, 13 hours.....	1 95
“ “ team, 3 hours.....	75
Millard Fowler, 18 hours.....	2 70
John C. Evans, 42 hours.....	6 30
“ “ oxen, 19 hours.....	3 80
John N. Evans, 27 hours.....	4 05
“ “ oxen, 22½ hours.....	4 50
Harry W. Evans, 27 hours.....	4 05
“ “ oxen, 27 hours.....	5 40
Gideon W. Evans, 15 hours.....	2 25
Harry Brown, 30 hours.....	4 50
Eugene Noyes, Jr., 21½ hours.....	3 23
Clarence Hunt, 29½ hours.....	3 54



Paid John Hunt, 30½ hours.....	\$ 5 48
John Starr, 8½ hours.....	1 28
Newell Page, 14½ hours.....	1 74
Otis W. Towle, 17 hours.....	2 55
Frank O. Towle, 60 hours.....	9 00
Orrin Chase; 41 hours.....	6 15
“ “ team, 11 hours.....	2 75
F. F. Perry with team.....	15 08
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	\$96 30

Expended on bridge and highway work.....	\$507 47
Snow paths.....	284 73
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Total expended.....	\$792 20

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. FLOYD, EDGAR W. WYMAN, JOSEPH C. EVANS,	} Road Agents.

## Auditors' Report.

SOUTH HAMPTON, Feb. 18th, 1898.

We, the Auditors of the town of South Hampton, do hereby certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector and Trustees of Free Public Library of said town for the year ending Feb. 15th, 1898, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JACOB EATON, FRANK O. TOWLE, JOHN PAIGE,	} Auditors.

# **Annual Report**

OF THE

## **Board of Education.**

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The schools have been in session twenty-seven weeks. The end of the year finds them in a prosperous condition. Excellent progress has been made. The teachers have the good will and confidence of scholars and parents. We have nothing but fullest commendatory words for our earnest, faithful, hard working teachers.

Notwithstanding the cases of severe sickness and other depressing circumstances, we feel that the attendance in a part of the district was not what it should have been. This was the cause of much vexation to our teachers. We can but commend them for their continual interest and labor under such a state of affairs.

It is to be regretted that the length of our school year has been so short, being the shortest, we think, since the state abolished the district system and adopted the present town system.

For the future the length of the school year will be very much shorter if we have only our present sources of revenue for their support.

Our school money is derived from three sources, the town tax, the literary fund and the dog license money.

Although a recent act of our legislature raised the sum required for schooling on each dollar of the public tax apportioned to a town, still, owing to the reduced valuation of our town we will now be required, by law, to raise only four hundred dollars.

The literary fund, as stated by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Fred Gowan, is a "very uncertain quantity," and is distributed in proportion to the number of children attending school two weeks or more.

A few years ago this fund afforded us \$99.06; last year we received only \$32.86. The prospect for the future is that it will be less.

The dog money, for the past year, supported our schools nearly three weeks. For the coming year there will be none, as all has been paid for sheep killed.

Again we quote from Superintendent Gowan—"Schools cost money. Something of worth is not to be procured for nothing. There is this problem in New Hampshire, and it is larger than a technically educational problem—How are good schools, well instructed, to be maintained during a sufficient portion of the year without the imposition of a too onerous burden upon the poorer communities? The solution does not yet appear."

For a remedy it is suggested to levy a mill tax or a half mill tax throughout the whole state and then distribute back so the larger benefit shall come to the poorer community, that is, to distribute this fund, one half according to the number of teachers employed and the other half according to the total attendance of pupils for the year.

We hope this bill will not receive the cruel fate that was meted out to the educational plan of our Ex-Senator Blair.

We are pleased to note the opening of the Barnard school the present week, and hope that arrangements will be made so that all the children from all parts of the town can receive the full benefit of that fund.

## TEACHERS.

### CENTRE SCHOOL.

Carr, Blanche M., South Hampton, N. H.

### UPPER VILLAGE SCHOOL.

Palmer, Mary L., Kensington, N. H.

George, Florence, Amesbury, Mass.

### EAST VILLAGE.

Brown, Winifred M., Hampton Falls, N. H.

Eaton, Bernice, Salisbury, Mass.

## ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

*Pupils not absent for the year.*

Dora I. Jewell,	Frank B. Palmer,
Alvin L. Cotton,	Arthur Batchelder,
	Charlie Batchelder.

*Pupils not absent for two terms.*

Eva M. Honor,	Abbie E. Anderson,
Mabel R. Morrill,	Oscar Anderson,
Walter G. Palmer,	Foster Towle,
Alice E. Anderson,	Nellie H. D. Towle,
	Guy W. Smith.

*Pupils not absent for one term.*

Fred Merrill,	Belle A. Akerley,
Ernest Morrill,	Ray P. Buxton,
Bertha A. Morrill,	Willis J. Evans,
George W. Honor,	Ralph P. Evans.

*Absent on account of sickness.*

Walter Palmer,	Eddie French,
Wesley Flint,	Ella Follansbee,
Mabel Killam,	Abby Evans,
Roy J. Carr,	Ethel Evans,
	Grace Merrill.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE E. EVANS,	} School Board.
MARY O. PALMER,	
FREDERICK B. FRENCH,	

South Hampton, Feb. 15, 1898.



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

1897.			
Feb. 15.	Cash on hand.....	\$	02
June 15.	Received of selectmen part of appropriation for schools.....	160	00
	Received of selectmen dog tax.....	51	54
Nov. 3.	“ “ appropriation for repairs on Peak schoolhouse.....	60	00
	Received of selectmen part of appropriation for schools.....	200	00
1898.	Received of selectmen bal. of appropriation	140	00
Jan.			
Feb.	“ “ literary fund.....	32	86
Total receipts.....		\$644	42

## EXPENDITURES.

*Centre School.*

1897.			
Paid	Blanche M. Carr for teaching 27 weeks.....	\$175	50
	Pail, dipper and wash dish.....	30	
	E. F. Morrill, fitting wood.....	40	
	Roscoe Morrill, one-half cord pine wood.....	1	50
	G. B. Palmer, one-half cord pine wood.....	1	38
	F. B. French, one-half cord pine wood.....	1	63
	Moses Eaton, one-half cord yellow pine.....	2	00
	“ “ 5 ft. hard wood.....	3	13
	Arthur M. French, fitting wood.....	82	
	F. B. French, door knobs.....	16	
	“ “ glass.....	30	
		\$187	12

*Upper Village School.*

Paid	Mary L. Palmer for teaching 10 weeks.....	\$ 65	00
	Florence George for teaching 17 weeks.....	110	50
	J. Dewhurst and G. Welch, cleaning schoolhouse	3	74
	F. B. French, soap and soap powder.....	30	
	Pail and dipper.....	18	

Paid Arthur M. French, fitting wood.....	\$ 1 06
Moses Eaton, one-half cord yellow pine wood..	2 00
“ “ 5 ft. hard wood.....	3 12
F. B. French, one-half cord pine wood.....	1 62
J. L. Preble, repairs on schoolhouse doors....	2 00
F. B. French, glass.....	15

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\$189 67

*Peak School.*

Paid Winifred Brown for teaching 20 weeks.....	\$130 00
Bernice Eaton for teaching 7 weeks.....	45 50
“ “ janitor 1 term. ....	1 00
Ella Follansbee and Abby Evans, janitors 1 term	1 00
Eugene Noyes, Jr., fitting wood.....	88
Wm. Gaddas, white washing.....	2 00
Charles Evans, 1 cord pine wood.....	3 00
F. O. Towle, one-half cord hard wood at \$3.50.	1 75

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\$185 13

*Repairs.*

Paid J. C. Evans, shingling one-half of schoolhouse  
and building new woodshed at Peak as  
follows:

Lumber, boards, shingles and clapboards.....	\$40 20
Nails, hinges and tarred paper.....	2 80
Labor.....	17 00

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\$60 00

*Books and Supplies.*

Paid Edw. E. Babb, Brown's Elem. Algebras.....	\$ 3 03
F. B. French, paper, etc.....	33
Wernor Co., copy-books.....	77
E. Hale Flanders, supplies.....	3 63
Silver, Burdett & Co., copy-books.....	4 00
American Express Co.....	60
Postage, money orders, etc.....	30

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\$12 66

*Financial Statement.*

Whole amount received.....	\$644 42
Whole amount paid out.....	634 58
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Cash on hand.....	\$ 9 84

MARY O. PALMER, Treasurer.

South Hampton, Feb. 15, 1898.

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SOUTH HAMPTON, Feb. 17, 1898.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the School Board and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JACOB EATON,  
FRANK O. TOWLE, } Auditors.  
JOHN PAIGE,

	CENTRE VILLAGE.				UPPER VILLAGE.				EAST VILLAGE.			
	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.	Year.	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.	Year.	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.	Year.
No. of weeks of school, . . . . .	10	10	7	27	10	10	7	27	10	10	7	27
Pupils attending two weeks or more,	23	28	28	30	13	19	14	20	9	10	10	10
Boys attending two weeks or more,	11	11	12	13	7	11	7	11	5	6	6	6
Girls attending two weeks or more,	12	17	16	17	6	8	7	9	4	4	4	4
Average number of pupils, . . . .	23	28	28	26	10	15	14	13	9	10	10	10
Per cent. daily attendance, . . . .	.8696	.8571	.8571	.8846	.90	.9333	.7867	.8461	100	.80	.90	.90
Pupils between 6 and 16, . . . .	22	25	26	26	12	10	12	16	9	9	9	9
Pupils not absent, . . . . .	5	11	14	4	1	0	2	0	3	3	3	1
Visits by school board, . . . . .	4	4	1	9	3	1	0	4	2	0	1	3
Visits by parents and friends, . . .	20	18	19	57	27	12	1	40	11	2	3	16
Teachers' wages per month, . . . .	\$26	\$26	\$26	175.50	\$26	\$26	\$26	175.50	\$26	\$26	\$26	175.50
No. in Reading, . . . . .	23	28	28	30	13	18	14	18	9	10	10	10
No. in Spelling, . . . . .	23	28	28	30	13	18	14	18	9	10	10	10
No. in Arithmetic, . . . . .	23	28	28	30	12	18	14	18	9	9	9	9
No. in Geography, . . . . .	18	21	21	21	8	11	11	11	9	9	9	9
No. in Grammar, . . . . .	18	21	21	21	4	14	11	14	9	9	9	9
No. in History, . . . . .	7	6	6	7	3	4	4	4	3	0	7	7
No. in Physiology, . . . . .	18	28	28	28	6	14	11	14	2	2	0	2
No. in Algebra, . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	4	4	4	4
No. in Penmanship, . . . . .	23	28	28	28	12	16	14	16	9	10	10	10
No. in Composition, . . . . .	3	6	6	6	4	14	11	14	9	9	9	9
No. in Drawing, . . . . .	0	28	28	28	0	14	11	14	9	10	9	10



## Sixth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library.

SOUTH HAMPTON, N. H., Feb. 15, 1898.

The Public Library has been a source of pleasure and profit to all citizens of the town who have availed themselves of its privileges during the year.

The following list of books have been purchased :

Mistress of Broe Farm, Rosa N. Carey.....	I	Vol.
Equality, Edward Bellamy.....	I	"
Jerome, Mary E. Wilkins.....	I	"
Miss Archer Archer, Clara Louise Burnham.....	I	"
Sentimental Tommy, J. M. Barrie.....	I	"
Day of Their Wedding, W. D. Howells.....	I	"
Laromie, Charles King.....	I	"
Quo Vadis, Henryk Sienkieweoz.....	I	"
Farnell's Folly, J. T. Trowbridge.....	I	"
Prisoners of Conscience, Amelia E. Barr.....	I	"
Soldiers of Fortune, R. H. Davis.....	I	"
Rose of Yesterday, F. Marion Crawford.....	I	"
Burglar Who Moved Paradise, H. D. Ward.....	I	"
Three Partners, Bret Harte.....	I	"
Old Friel School Girl, Marion Harland.....	I	"
Son of the Old Dominion, Mrs. Burton Harrison.....	I	"
Barbara Blondbery, Geo. Ebers.....	I	"
American Commonwealth, Bryce.....	2	"
Eight Cousins, Louise M. Alcott.....	I	"
Betty Alden, Mrs. Austin.....	I	"
Shirley, Charlotte Bronte.....	I	"
What Katy Did, Susan Coolidge.....	I	"
What Katy Did at School, Susan Coolidge.....	I	"
What Katy Did Next, Susan Coolidge.....	I	"

John Ward, Preacher, Margaret Deland.....	I	Vol.
Mosses From an Old Manse, N. Hawthorne.....	I	“
One Summer, Blanche Willis Howard.....	I	“
Miss Gilbert's Career, J. G. Holland.....	I	“
Their Wedding Journey, W. D. Howells.....	I	“
Nellie's Silver Mine, H. H. Jackson.....	I	“
The Country of the Painted Firs, S. Orne Jewett.....	I	“
Marion's Faith, Capt. Chas. King.....	I	“
Hyperian, H. W. Longfellow.....	I	“
Last Days of Pompeii, Bulwer Lytton.....	I	“
Malcolm, Geo. Macdonald.....	I	“
Old Tramseller's Secret, E. Marlott.....	I	“
New Arabian Nights, R. L. Stevenson.....	I	“
Treasure Island, R. L. Stevenson.....	I	“
St. Elmo, Augusta J. Evans.....	I	“
The Wampum Belt, Hezekiah Butterworth.....	I	“
Christmas Career, Pauline King.....	I	“
Rose in Bloom, Louise M. Alcott.....	I	“
The Boy That Was Hazed, J. T. Trowbridge.....	I	“
True to the Old Flag, G. A. Henty.....	I	“
Sidney, Margaret Phronsie Pepper.....	I	“
My Wife and I, Mrs. H. B. Stowe.....	I	“
Westward Ho.....	I	“
John G. Paton.....	2	“
Senator John Sherman, John Sherman.....	2	“

The following books have been donated :

Miss Holmes kindly remembered our Library by sending us a box of books, containing the latest works of fiction, Munsey's Magazines, Ladies' Home Journals, The London News, New England Magazine and a few others.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. JEWELL,	}	Trustees of Public Library.
BENJ. R. JEWELL,		
LIZZIE H. FORSAITH,		

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

*For the year 1897.*

Number of new cards given out.....	9
Whole number of books taken out.....	949
Fiction .....	772
Miscellaneous .....	42
History.....	71
Dramatic .....	6
Science.....	2
Travels.....	4
Voyages .....	40
Biography .....	12
Total.....	949

BLANCHE M. CARR, Librarian.

SOUTH HAMPTON, Feb. 12, 1898.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

*For the year ending Feb. 15, 1898.*

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1897.....	\$ 1 20
Received of selectmen, library appropriation.....	50 00
Received from the librarian, fines.....	34
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	\$51 54
Paid De Wolfe, Fiske & Co. for 53 books.....	\$50 14
Freight on books from Boston.....	25
Money order and postage.....	22
Cash on hand.....	93
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	\$51 54

LIZZIE H. FORSAITH, Treasurer.









# VITAL STATISTICS, 1897.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of South Hampton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Name of Child.	Birthplace.	Date of Birth.	Sex.	Condition.	Color.	Names of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Color of Parents.	Reported by
— Brown.	South Hampton.	1897. May 23.	Female.	—	White.	Waldo Brown.	Lawrence, Mass.	Laundryman.	—	White.	Daniel D. Murphy, Amesbury, Mass.
Erta Viola Honor.	South Hampton.	July 14.	Female.	Living.	White.	Nellie Cavanah.	South Hampton.	Carpenter.	Maine, Mass.	White.	
Arthur Eli Morrill.	South Hampton.	Aug. 1.	Male.	Living.	White.	Frank W. Honor.	South Hampton.	Housewife.	Amesbury, Mass.	White.	John A. Douglass, M. D., Amesbury, Mass.
— Smith.	South Hampton.	Dec. 5.	Male.	Still-born.	White.	Minnie J. Courtney.	South Hampton.	Lumberman.	South Hampton.	White.	J. J. Trudell, M. D., Amesbury, Mass.
Both P. Evans.	South Hampton.	Dec. 17.	Female.	Living.	White.	Roscoe H. Morrill.	South Hampton.	Housewife.	Walden, Vt.		
Fanny W. Welch.	South Hampton.	Dec. 21.	Female.	Living.	White.	Mary L. Woodman.	South Hampton.	Housewife.	Merrimac, Mass.		
Irene Starr.	South Hampton.	Aug. 28, '96.	Female.	Living.	White.	Hiram P. Smith.	South Hampton.	Housewife.	Kensington, N. H.		
						Mary E. Travers.	South Hampton.	Farmer.	South Hampton.		
						Grace E. Prescott.	South Hampton.	Housewife.	South Hampton.	White.	Hattie L. Bartlett, Midwife.
						Frank E. Welch.	South Hampton.	Housewife.	South Hampton.	White.	South Hampton, N. H.
						Gertie M. Whittier.	South Hampton.	Shoemaker.	Fisherville, N. H.		
						John Starr.	South Hampton.	Housewife.	New York City.		
						Nora Hunt.	South Hampton.	Housewife.	South Hampton.		

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of South Hampton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Names.	Residence.	Place of Marriage.	Date of Marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation.	Condition.	Birthplace.	Name and Residence of Officiating Clergyman.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Residence of Parents.
Era P. Downing. J. Velma Smith.	South Hampton. Deerfield, N. H.	South Hampton.	Feb. 5.	24 yrs. 19 yrs.	White. White.	Blacksmith. At home.	First. First.	South Hampton. Deerfield, N. H.	Rev. J. K. Chase, V. D. M. South Hampton, N. H.	John W. Downing. Mary A. Barnard. Dyer S. Smith. Aura J. Ladd. John Starr.	Merrimac, Mass. Amesbury, Mass. Deerfield, N. H. Deerfield, N. H. New York City.	South Hampton. South Hampton. Deerfield, N. H. Deerfield, N. H. New York City.
John J. Starr. Nora H. Hunt.	New York City. South Hampton.	South Hampton.	March 29.	22 yrs. 16 yrs.	White. White.	Shoemaker. At home.	First. First.	New York City. South Hampton.	Rev. Edward S. Cotton. South Hampton, N. H.	John H. Hunt. Rachel M. Fogg. Robert L. McNeill. John H. Hunt.	New York City. Salsbury, Mass. Oxford, N. S. Nova Scotia.	South Hampton. South Hampton. Oxford, N. S. South Hampton.
Robert S. McNeill. Edith M. Hunt.	Wakefield, Mass. South Hampton.	South Hampton.	Dec. 4.	28 yrs. 19 yrs.	White. White.	Fireman. At home.	First. First.	Nova Scotia. South Hampton.	Rev. Edward S. Cotton. South Hampton, N. H.	Jessie Teed. John H. Hunt. Rachel Fogg.	Salsbury, Mass.	South Hampton.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of South Hampton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Name.	Age.			Sex.	Color.	Condition.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Place of Death.	Date of Death.	Disease or Cause of Death.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.
	Years.	Mo.	Days.										
R. Frank Dow.	34	6	3	Male.	White.	Married.	Shoe cutter.	South Hampton.	South Hampton.	May 9, 1897.	Tuberculosis.	Rufus F. Dow. Mary M. Merrill.	South Hampton Amesbury, Mass.
Moses Flanders.	82	3		Male.	White.	Married.	Farmer.	South Hampton.	South Hampton.	May 13	Organic disease of heart.	Samuel Flanders. Elizabeth Farington.	South Hampton. Newton, N. H.
Ann T. Currier.	90	5	26	Female.	White.	Single.	Housekeeper.	South Hampton.	South Hampton.	June 6.	Old age.	Thomas Currier. Abigail Tuxbury.	Newton, N. H. Amesbury, Mass.
Eli Beede.	90	10	7	Male.	White.	Widowed.	Farmer.	Fremont, N. H.	South Hampton.	June 7.	Old age.	Eli Beede. Ruth Penslee.	Fremont, N. H. Newton, N. H.
Chellis Currier.	96	11	7	Male.	White.	Widowed.	Farmer.	South Hampton.	South Hampton.	Sept. 18.	Old age.	Samuel Currier. Martha Fitz.	South Hampton. South Hampton.
Charles E. Beede.	43	9	29	Male.	White.	Single.	Farmer.	South Hampton.	South Hampton.	Nov. 2.	Apoplexy.	Eli Beede. Elizabeth Huntington.	Fremont, N. H. Amesbury, Mass.
— Smith.				Male.	White.			South Hampton.	South Hampton.	Dec. 5.	Stillborn.	Hiram P. Smith. Mary E. Travers.	Walden, Vt. Merrimac, Mass.
Josephine E. Smith.	1	10	11	Female.	White.	Single.	At home.	South Hampton.	South Hampton.	Dec. 19.	Burn of hand and forearm and subsequent shock, 3 days	Hiram P. Smith. Mary E. Travers.	Merrimac, Mass.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE M. BUXTON, Town Clerk.







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